

Conclusion

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2004.

The Examiner is thanked for diligently tracking down an Office Action lost in the mails.


Claims 35 - 103 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. The Office Action includes rejections for claims 92 - 96, 41 and 80 under 35 USC §112, claims 92 - 96, 35 - 50, 53 - 91 and 97 - 103 under 35 USC §101 and an objection to claim 102. The present Response amends claims 35 - 39, 41, 52 - 53, 72, 79, 92, 97, 99 and 102 - 103 to correct informalities noted in the Office Action, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 35 - 103. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance is requested.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that further examination of the elected claims continue. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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